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COMMUNISTS INCREASE PRECAUTIONS
 AGAINST INDUSTRIAL SABOTAGE

SUPPRESS SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN INDUSTRIES -- Canton Nan-fang Jih-pao,
 19 Apr 50

Many instances of KMT-instigated subversive activities in factories and mines throughout South and Central China have been discovered recently. To suppress such activities, Lin Piao, chairman of the Central and South China Military and Political Council, issued the following directive on 14 April 1950:

1. Plants and mines which are under the jurisdiction of the Heavy Industry Section and at the same time under the supervision of a hsien or any government above the hsien level, are placed under a uniform policy, system, and plan. The local governments have full responsibility for directing and inspecting these industries and submitting periodic reports. Local governments will be solely responsible for accidents in an industry if such accidents are due to the laxity of the local government, while the plant will be held responsible if accidents are caused by its own negligence.
2. If a plant needs armed protection against bandits, armed protection must be sent immediately by the provincial government or the military district. If losses to a plant are due to noncooperation of the provincial government or military district, then the provincial government or the military district shall be responsible. Plants not needing armed protection shall organize their own guards who shall be armed by the military District.
3. Cadres shall be sent to local mines and village industries to organize local guards to insure protection against bandits. Local governments and labor unions shall delegate officers to inspect the guards.
4. Local governments and labor unions shall undertake the training of industrial workers in coping with bandits, special agents, fire, etc. The importance of strict adherence to security regulations must be stressed.

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Mishaps in industries throughout Central and South China have made the above regulations necessary. Activities destructive to economic reconstruction undertaken by KMT special agents are as follows:

1. Broadcasting of rumors, collaborating with evil landowners, terrorizing the masses, and causing unrest. For example, during March 1950, in Ku-shih Hsien, Honan, there were eight instances in which public storehouses were pilfered by KMT-led mobs.

2. Destruction of cotton and rice in storehouses. For example, explosives and matches were found in cotton in the Che-ch'eng Hsien, Honan, storehouse and also in the Huang-kang, Hupeh, storehouses.

3. Destruction of plants and mines. For example, in September 1949 special agents flooded an entire mine shaft of the Hsi-k'eng-k'ou mines in Kiangsi.

4. Disruption of transportation and communications. In January, the Canton-Hankow Railroad was derailed near Yo-yang, and explosives were found in the vicinity. Communication lines were cut in Lin-nung Hsien, Hunan.

In an editorial of a recent issue of the Hankow Ch'ang-chiang Jih-pao, the blame for the many mishaps in factories and plants was placed on KMT special agents, but it was discovered that laxness of cadres drunk with recent Communist victories was also to blame.

DISRUPT PRODUCTION IN HEILUNGKIANG -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 14 Apr 50

Recently, several incidences of subversive activities which disrupted production in the Te-tu Hsien area of Heilungkiang were discovered. Reactionary elements, through arson, destruction of grains and animals, etc., have caused an estimated 84,900 yuan of damage.

An editorial in Heilungkiang Jih-pao urged the village cadres and the masses to reinforce their public-security organizations in order to protect their spring planting, to achieve their production quotas, and to protect themselves against recurrence of any subversive activities which would hamper production. Officials of public security organizations must keep close account of the movements of all people under their jurisdiction. Self-defense troops organized by the people must be trained to protect railroads, power lines, forests, and property against fire and other dangers. Finally, the people must be made to realize that, ultimately, they must be relied upon to keep reactionary elements and landowners under supervision and control.

WARNS AGAINST REACTIONARY SECTS -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 15 Apr 50

The people's governments and government workers, on all levels in North-east China, are warned to look out for religious sects which are plotting against the government and aim to disturb social order. Word comes from all localities that Unity (I-kuan Tao) and other subversive organizations are being revived in new forms and under new names.

Last year such groups were suppressed and their leaders arrested. More than 6,600 Buddhist shrines were closed and some 500,000 misguided people left such organizations after being made aware of the true reactionary character of these groups.

These sects are now completely isolated from the masses. But their obstinate leaders not only fail to confess and reform, but under orders from the "central altar" reorganize and carry on and strengthen their inner councils.

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They encourage their followers to hold fast and revive their former zeal.
By threats of hell and promises of heaven they urge their followers to disobey the government and disturb the social order.

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